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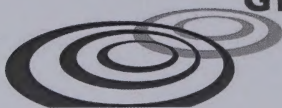


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Welcome to the 10th Pikes Peak Lavender Film Festival

Can you believe we are in our 10th year? Wow! We are thrilled to have come this far. We certainly could only have produced this festival with the support of the community. Many heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, our audience and our friends for helping to make us the longest running LGBT film festival in the Rocky Mountain region.

Plenty has happened in the past ten years. When we first began this festival in 1999, Colorado Springs was ground zero for Amendment 2, which gave our city a reputation for intolerance and discrimination. Matthew Shepherd had just been murdered for being gay. Same-sex marriage was not recognized in any state. Now, six states have legalized it.

These changes reflect a growing movement towards equal rights for all and we are proud to be part of it. Ten years ago when we started this festival, the chance to improve the image of our city was a challenge we couldn't pass up. Our goal was to create a highly entertaining film festival for everyone that could provide education about gay issues and validation for LGBT people in order to counter fear and promote LGBT rights.

We believe that our film festival, with strong, consistent support from our many community sponsors and partners has indeed contributed to our ability to live our lives more fully and openly. We hope we have contributed to uniting our community and to creating a more balanced city where LGBT people are included, accepted and valued.

Saddened with many losses of life this year, we dedicate this 2009 festival to the memory of Marty Pebler, who helped produce the festival during our early years, and to Rodger McFarlane, who was the head of the Gill Foundation and gave us moral and financial support. Alma would also like to remember her mother, Mary Cremonesi, whose encouragement helped make the festival possible.

We would like to thank Robert Armintor for his incredible and tireless service. He has supported the festival since its inception and helped to produce it for seven of those ten years. Unfortunately, this will be Bob's last year. His retirement from the festival, however, adds ample opportunities for visionary volunteers to step up and get involved in the continuation of this valuable engine for social progress. The festival is at a crossroads and it is time to pass the torch to a new generation. If you'd like to help with future festivals, let us know.

Once again thank you to all our supporters. We have a great festival planned this year with special guests filmmaker Maria Breaux and Dennis Lujan, the artist who designed our first, seventh and this year's posters. Come out and see our movies all weekend and join in the wonderful parties. We hope to be able to continue for many years to come. Enjoy the festival!

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Opening Night - Friday, September 18th, 2009

6pm: Catered Reception with complimentary wine and beer
7:15: Celebrating 10 years with a Double Feature:

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7:30: The Rights 5

I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT

directed by Shamin Sarif, 2007, UK, 82, min.

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9:05: **PATRIK, AGE 1.5** directed by Ella Lemhagen, 2008, Sweden, 100 min. A married male couple, who seem to have it all, want the same as their hetero neighbors: a child. When news of a young Patrik arrives, the two men are bubbling with anticipation only to be surprised by the child they're offered. This beautifully shot feature is a heart-warming drama of genuine



love, sensitivity and humor. Winner of the prestigious Guldbagge Awards in its native Sweden and the Audience Award this year at the San Francisco International LGBT Film Festival.

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AGAINST A TRANS NARRATIVE directed by Jules Roskam, 2009, USA, 61 min. As people transition so does the world around them. Combining documentary technique, dramatic reenactment, spoken word performance and commentary, this film takes the conversation about transgendered people to a bold new level. The participants give voice to many hot-button issues now animating community dialogs. This film provides a better understanding of transgendered people and brings us up-to-date with the controversial issues affecting the transgender community.



DIAGNOSING DIFFERENCE directed by Annalise Opehlian, 2009, USA, 60 min. Confronting mental health categories and care standards for transexualism, this film features interviews with thirteen articulate and unique individuals, all of whom identify as a gender other than the one they were assigned at birth. They address their own personal experience of the diagnosis and its implications. This groundbreaking project seeks to humanize the debate by focusing on the voices of those it affects most directly and personally.

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12:15: SHORT FILM: LUCHA

directed by Maria Breaux, 2008, USA, 15 min. Set in 1982 against the backdrop of the insurgency in El Salvador, Lucha traces the plight of two women in love whose only respite from the raging battles is in each other's arms. Winner of best short film, Audience Award at the SFILGBTFF this year. Maria Breaux in attendance.



FEATURE FILM: GHOSTED directed by Monika Treut, 2009, Germany/Taiwan, 89 min. In the Taiwanese tradition, women have the unique power to return to the living as ghosts. Legendary filmmaker Monika Treut deftly crafts a mysterious love story. Sophie, a Hamburg-based visual artist, is haunted by the unexplained death of her beautiful Taiwanese girlfriend, Ai-ling. As Sophie attempts to come to terms with her grief, she encounters new intrigue when she meets Mei-Li, a relentless journalist who seems just as obsessed with uncovering the truth about Ai-ling as she is with seducing Sophie. As much a romance of cultures as an affair between women, this movie will make you feel the changing atmosphere of Taiwan and Germany while entertaining you.



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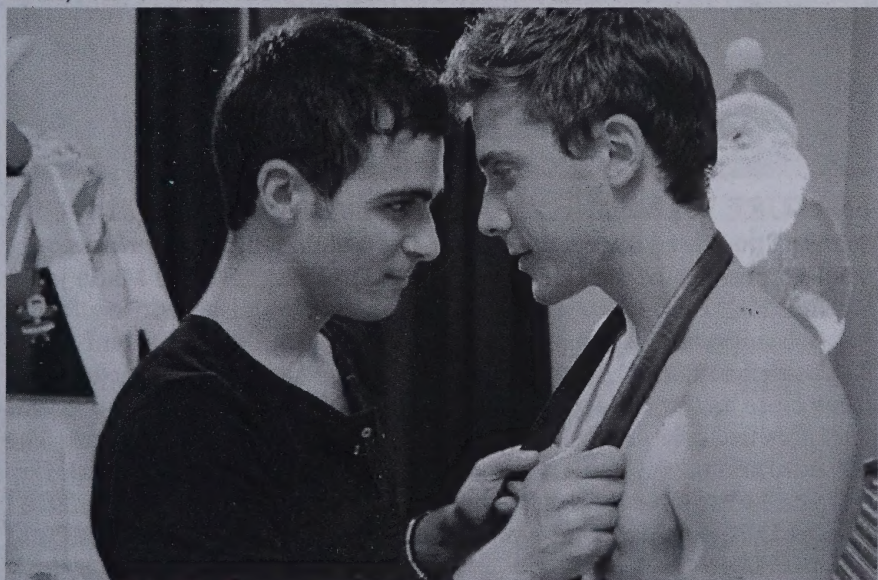
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2:30: SHORT FILM: WELCOME TO MY QUEER BOOKSTORE directed by Larry Tung, 2009, Taiwan, 19 min. Located in Taipei, Gin Gin's Bookstore is the only LGBT bookstore in the Chinese speaking world. Threatened with closure from a lawsuit, this film provides fascinating insights into the power of persistence and quiet strength.

FEATURE FILM: MAKE THE YULETIDE GAY directed by Rob Williams, 2009, USA, 89 min. The holidays become overly festive as Olaf "Gunn" Gunnunderson (Keith Jordan), an out-and-proud gay college student, crawls back into the closet to survive the holidays with his parents (hilarious performances by Derek Long & Kelly Keaton). But in the eyes of his wacky parents, Gunn is Olaf Gunnunderson, a devoted son who is 100% straight. His parents try to set him up with his high school sweetheart, Abby (Hallee Hirsh). But when his boyfriend, Nathan (Adamo Rugiero), shows up at their doorstep unannounced, Gunn must put on a charade to keep the relationship a secret. With pressure mounting from all sides, will Gunn come out before the truth does?



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min. A toe-taping, musical romp surround-
ing the oldest Sapphic joke: What does a les-
bian bring on the second date?



FEATURE FILM: DROOL directed by Nancy Kissam, 2009, USA,
86 min. Drool is an irreverent dark comedy with delightful performances
from bombshells Laura Harring (*Mulholland Drive*) and Jill Marie Jones
(*Girlfriends*). Life is rough for Angora, a shy and abused housewife and
her two ungrateful teenagers that is, until Imogene, a flamboyant Kathy
K. Cosmetics saleswoman, moves in next door. Angora and Imogene be-
come close as Imogene gives the family a makeover. Unexpected events
send this unlikely group on a road trip in Imogene's company car. The
beautiful and talented cast is sure to keep you entertained. While this film
includes heavy topics of racism and domestic violence you are guaranteed
to leave the theater smiling! Won best fiction feature at the Miami Gay and
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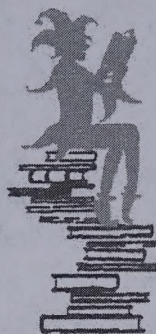
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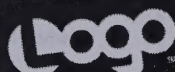
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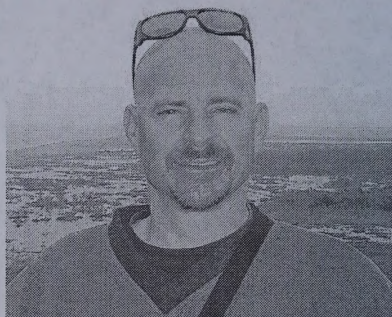
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FEATURE FILM: HOLLYWOOD, Je T'aime directed by Jason Bush-
man, USA, 95 min. This sweet love story begins in Paris as Jerome decides
to leave his philandering boyfriend and fly to Los Angeles. When he arrives,
Jerome surrounds himself with a cute stoner, a drag queen, and a trans-
sexual. As Jerome strives to forget his lover, he searches for new experiences
on streets of Los Angeles. Fueled by fantastic performances by Debets and
gay icon Chad Allen, a profound appreciation of showbiz absurdity and
big-hearted charm, this film is delightfully funny, highly entertaining and
unlike anything you've ever seen.

After Party: Underground, Nevada at Kiowa

Sunday, September 20

(This program at Cornerstone Arts Center)

11:00 A.M. LUNCHEON AT THE FINE ARTS CENTER'S CAFÉ 36 with festival producers and special guests: Maria Breaux (Lucha, 12:15 Sat.) and Dennis Lujan, artist—designed our first, seventh and this year's poster. Audience members purchase lunch and join the conversation.

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12:30 P.M. SHORT FILM: UNCLE DENIS?

directed by Adrian Goycoolea, 2009, U.K., 18 min Rummaging through family photos and home movies, the filmmaker reflects on his great-uncle Quentin Crisp's relationship to the idea of family—and his family's relationship to the idea of Quentin Crisp.

FEATURE FILM: AN ENGLISHMAN IN NEW YORK directed by Richard Laxton, USA, 74 min The inimitable Quentin Crisp was considered the first out British man over eight decades ago. Crisp was outlandish, outspoken, totally non-conforming and utterly fascinating. When no one dared mention homosexuality, Crisp bragged about his identity. Whereas Crisp's *The Naked Civil Servant* went against the heterosexual grain in the U.K., *An Englishman in New York* (starring John Hurt in a reprisal role) is a moving tale about an older man who still refuses to follow the rules even within gay culture. With an all-star supporting cast of Cynthia Nixon, Swoosie Kurts and Denis O'Hare, Crisp's long life is a significant slice of gay history that you will surely want to know.



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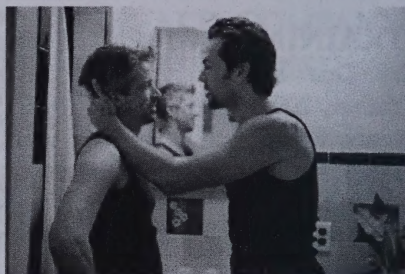
TRAINING RULES directed by Dee Moshbacher and Fawn Yacker, 2009, USA, 57 min. For 25 years, Penn State University women's basketball coach, Rene Portland made her training rules (no drugs, no drinking, no lesbians) eminently clear. For decades basketball players were forced to hide their identities or risk losing their scholarships. But in 2006, sophomore Jennifer Harris sued the iconic coach and Penn State for discrimination.



EDIE & THEA, A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT directed by Greta Olafsdottir and Susan Muska, 2009, USA, 67 min. After 42 years, feisty and delightful lesbian couple Edie and Thea are finally getting married. From the early '60s to the present day, these tireless community activists persevere through many battles, both personal and political. This is a love story of two remarkable women whose commitment to each other is an inspiration to us all.

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directed by Dennis Hensley, 2008, USA, 11 min. Kenny, a gay TV personality, returns to his small Arizona hometown for his 20-year high school reunion, bringing home a boyfriend for the first time. Though nervous, he reconnects with his old friends and discovers they aren't as conventional as he thought.



FEATURE FILM: REDWOODS directed by David Lewis, 2009, USA, 82 min. Set amidst the romantic splendor of northern California's redwoods and Russian River, this cinematically beautiful movie portrays the difficult choices one faces when confronted by unshakable love. Miles and Everett's long relationship has lost its spark and is held together by their son, Billy. When Miles and Billy go on a trip, Everett meets Chase, a writer passing through town. Their common bonds raise eternal questions of loyalty, family and desire. Brandan Bradley as Everett and Mathew Montgomery as Chase display their full acting talents in this tender account of the hard decisions that come with true love.

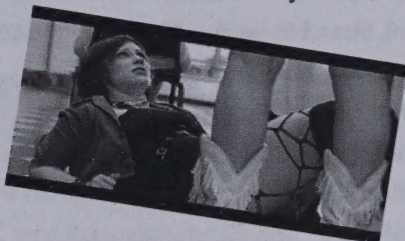
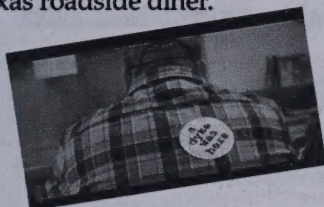


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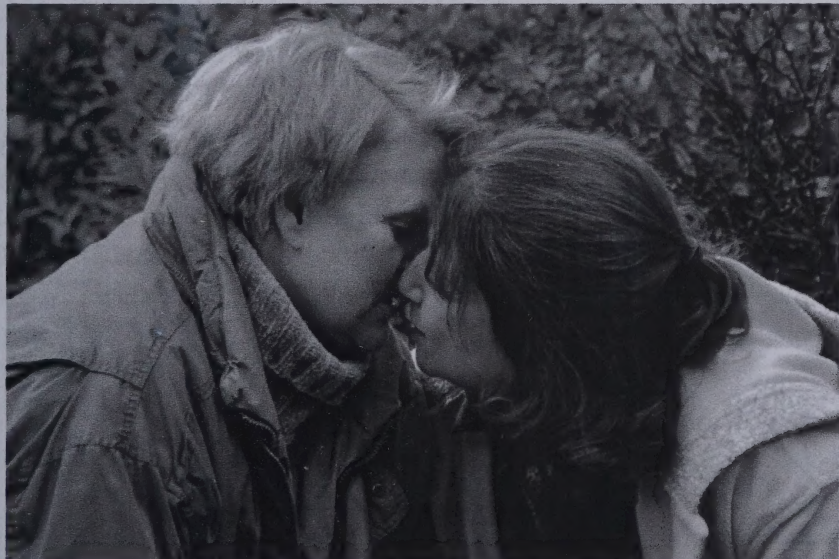
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7:45: SHORT FILM: DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS directed by Carrie Shrader and Tricia Cooke, 2008, USA, 7 min. A comic morality tale about two cocky young lesbians who bite off more than they can chew at a Texas roadside diner.



FEATURE FILM: HANNAH FREE directed by Wendy Jo Carlton, 2009, USA, 90 min. Adapted from Claudia Allen's award winning play, romantic, touching and poignant, Hannah Free eloquently depicts a lifelong love affair between two very different women. Hannah (played as an older woman by the remarkable Sharon Gless) is adventurous and rebellious, while Rachel is content with a traditional small town life. They tell the stories of their lives - from mouth-watering apple pie to clandestine sex in the barn, from adventurous travels to an unbearable marriage, from a world war to deep family denial.



Closing Party, "Toasting Ten Years" at Underground, on Nevada near Kiowa.

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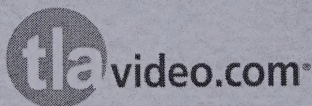
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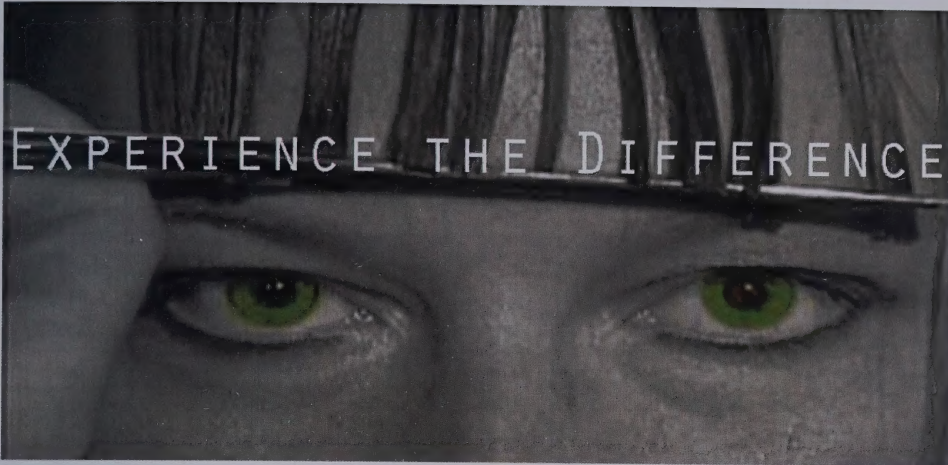


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